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        THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Would the court reporter
7 please swear in the witness.
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          (Whereupon the witness was sworn)
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               CHARLES PHILLIPS,
     having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
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                 EXAMINATION
13 BY MR. SCOTT:
      Q. All right, Mr. Phillips, could you state your
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15 name for the record, please.
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      A. Charles Phillips.
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- Q. All right, sir, your current position with
- 17 Oracle I understand has changed since the last time your
- 18 deposition was taken.
- 19 A. Yes, current title is now president.
- Q. All right, sir, how long have you held the title
- 21 of president of Oracle?
- 22 A. Since, I think, January of this year.

- 1 Q. All right, sir, and with the title change, did
- 2 you accumulate any additional duties and
- 3 responsibilities?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. What are they?
- 6 A. I have the responsibility for field operations,
- 7 so global consulting, global sales, global marketing, and
- 8 alliances and channels.

- Q. All right, sir.
- MR. SCOTT: Let's get that marked.

# 00140 1 (Marked Deposition Exhibit No. 895) 2 MR. SCOTT: Q. All right, sir, before you 3 joined Oracle, you worked at Morgan Stanley; correct? 4 A. That's correct. 5 Q. What was your position there? 6 A. I was an analyst. 7 Q. And were you -- did you have any designation 8 beyond that? Were you a senior analyst, executive --9 A. Managing director. 10 Q. And what does managing director mean? What were

- Q. And what does managing director mean? What were
- 11 your duties and responsibilities as such?
- 12 A. Well, I was responsible for research coverage of
- 13 the enterprise software industry and also for training
- 14 some junior analysts and various other management
- 15 committees.
- 16 Q. Did you have an equity position with Morgan
- 17 Stanley?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Were you a partner with Morgan Stanley?
- A. Well, it was a public company so you don't use
- 21 the term "partner" any longer. I guess the term really
- 22 didn't apply.

- 1 Q. But what was the nature of your equity position
- 2 at Morgan Stanley while you were there?
- 3 A. Just stock and options.
- 4 Q. All right, sir, how long were you a managing
- 5 director with Morgan Stanley, from when to when?
- 6 A. I think from -- became a managing director in
- 7 '95 I believe through 2003.
- 8 Q. All right, sir, was there an equity research
- 9 group at Morgan Stanley?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Were you a member of that group?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. What was the -- could you describe what the
- 14 equity research group consists of, consisted of while you
- 15 were there?
- 16 A. Okay. The research group consisted of analysts,
- 17 several hundred analysts around the world, following
- 18 various industries and companies.
- 19 Q. Now, when you use the term "analysts" in the
- 20 context of what you did at Morgan Stanley, what does that
- 21 involve? What type of activities were you involved in?
- A. Provided investment advice to institutional

- 1 investors was the primary job, and based on research on
- 2 which companies were more attractive for investment.
- 3 Q. So you would track companies, watch companies'
- 4 performance, watch the companies -- the markets those
- 5 companies were performing in and give research advice to
- 6 investors?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. Now, did that research advice include oral
- 9 advice as well as written advice?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. So you might have investors call you up and ask
- 12 individualized questions about a company or a particular
- 13 industry as well as you issuing periodically written
- 14 advice about companies and markets; correct?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Now, you have in front of you what's been marked
- 17 as Exhibit 895 to your deposition. It's a multi-page
- 18 document bearing identification numbers M.S. 00912
- 19 through M.S. 00920, and I'll ask you if this is one of
- 20 the written pieces of information that was prepared at
- 21 Morgan Stanley and issued to investors?
- 22 A. This was prepared at Morgan Stanley and issued

- 1 to investors.
- 2 Q. Now, this particular one was issued under your
- 3 name; correct?
- 4 A. That's correct, as the supervisory analyst, yes.
- 5 Q. And Evan Bloomberg, who is also listed here
- 6 under you, was who?
- 7 A. He was a research associate and in many of the
- 8 routine reports like this one, which was just writing up
- 9 a quarter, the research associates would write those as
- 10 part of the training.
- You said that you were the supervising analyst;
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. So Mr. Bloomberg would have been acting under
- 17 your direction and control with relation to the work he
- 18 did on Exhibit 895?
- 19 A. Yes, I would have been responsible for reviewing
- 20 anything that went out.
- Q. And was it -- does Morgan Stanley have any
- 22 internalized or did when you were there, any internalized

- 1 rules regarding being as accurate as possible when they
- 2 issue advice, either oral or written, to investors?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What did those rules consist of?
- 5 A. Should be accurate as much as possible and to
- 6 the best of your knowledge, and should have done research
- 7 to have a view.
- 8 Q. As a supervising analyst, did you follow those
- 9 guidelines while you were with Morgan Stanley?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Now, did Morgan Stanley also have any, to your
- 12 knowledge, responsibilities regarding, you know, the
- 13 accuracy of the information it issued to investors such
- 14 as exhibit 895 to any governmental agencies? For
- 15 example, did the SEC have any rules you had to follow
- 16 regarding analysts advice?
- 17 A. Well, yes. You'd have to -- this came later. I
- 18 don't know if these rules were in place for this
- 19 report -- but certify that to the best of your knowledge,
- 20 you know, the information was accurate. But it's the
- 21 future -- and a lot of the things that are in these
- 22 reports are talking about future developments or opinions

- 1 and all you can do is reflect your opinion at that point
- 2 in time.
- 3 Q. Based on the research that you did as accurately
- 4 as you can do it?
- 5 A. Based partially on that, but a lot of its based
- 6 also on experience and extrapolation from that research
- 7 and analysis.
- 8 Q. Now, the reports such as Exhibit 895, to your
- 9 deposition, those would be issued to investors; correct?
- 10 A. Well, this -- make sure this is what I think it
- 11 is.
- 12 This particular report was issued to investors
- 13 but because it's an earnings report after the earnings
- 14 are already out and everyone's already seen the
- 15 information, very few people actually read these reports.
- 16 Q. How do you know who read it and who didn't? Is
- 17 there some way that they sent it back to you and
- 18 confirmed whether they read the report or not?
- 19 A. Because normally I've already talked to the
- 20 investors. They don't need to read it and they've heard
- 21 the same conference call I heard and so they get tons of
- 22 these from every research house, the same quarter, not

- 1 much differentiation, reporting what happened, so there's
- 2 no need to read them.
- 3 And I started in the business on the other side
- 4 of the fence in the buy side so I know that because I was
- 5 basically a client.
- 6 Q. Let me ask you this, how many investors would a
- 7 report such as Exhibit 895 have been sent to?
- 8 A. I don't have the exact number, but thousands --
- 9 but electronically anyway.
- 10 Q. All right, sir, would they also have been sent
- 11 it in hard copies as well as electronic to some
- 12 customers?
- 13 A. I stopped sending them out in hard copy because
- 14 it's a waste of money, they weren't getting read and
- 15 nobody noticed.
- 16 Q. You still sent them to your investors by
- 17 electronic version?
- 18 A. They were available electronically and you
- 19 could -- some investors subscribed to them and had all
- 20 reports automatically sent to them, other ones it was on
- 21 a demand basis. They would come get the reports if they
- 22 needed to see it.

- 7 Q. In issuing reports such as, and including
- 8 Exhibit 895, to the best of your ability, you followed
- 9 the guidelines of Morgan Stanley in determining that the
- 10 information that you were sending to investors was
- 11 accurate as possible?
- 12 A. Well, most of the interaction with the investors
- 13 wasn't by means of reports and so what they paid for was
- 14 not just a report, but access to the analysts and to have
- 15 discussions with them and the verbal advice was more
- 16 important than the written.
- MR. ROSCH: The question is did you try to be
- 18 accurate in this report.
- 19 A. Oh, yes.
- 20 MR. SCOTT: Q. From your perspective, whether
- 21 you were giving the investors advice in written form,
- 22 such as Exhibit 895, or in oral form, you tried to be as

- 1 accurate and thorough as possible?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 5 MR. TOBEY: May I just for the say for the
- 6 record. You've been referring to Exhibit 15. Are there
- 7 two exhibits?
- 8 MR. SCOTT: I'm sorry. We've got it wrong. I'm
- 9 doing the one with the sticker that I had here. The
- 10 question's I have here, we can either do one of two
- 11 things. I can go through all of them again or we can
- 12 just have her reflect in the record that I'm talking
- 13 about Exhibit 895.
- MR. ROSCH: As far as I'm concerned, it can
- 15 reflect Exhibit 895. The record should simply also
- 16 reflect that 15, which is also on the document means that
- 17 it was also an exhibit in his CID deposition.
- MR. SCOTT: I have no problem reflecting that.
- 19 So go back and we'll just fix the questions and answers
- 20 so we're talking about Exhibit 895.

- 3 Q. Are you an economist?
- 4 A. No, I'm not.
- 5 Q. Have you ever purported in any of the reports of
- 6 that kind, that is to say, referring to Exhibit 895, have
- 7 you ever purported to give investors an economic analysis
- 8 of any market?
- 11 A. I've never purported to be an economist or
- 12 present this information as a formal economic analysis,
- 13 especially since it's a quarterly report and that's not
- 14 the place any one would do economic analysis for any
- 15 broad market. It's just a quarterly write-up.
- Q. What did you mean then when you said -- when you
- 17 used the word oligopoly in that sentence?
- 18 A. I used it as a colloquial term, the term
- 19 oligopoly, and to describe the leading companies with the
- 20 most recognized brand names and who were public.
- 21 So I was speaking to people who only cared about
- 22 public companies and at the time I only cared about

- 1 public companies, as well, since it's an investment
- 2 document. And it's more of a marketing term used to
- 3 describe the leading brand names in that particular area.
- 4 Q. Have you ever attempted to define a market in
- 5 the sense that that term, the term "market" is used by
- 6 economists?
- 8 A. No, I haven't attempted to do that.
- 9 MR. ROSCH: Q. Have you ever tried to determine
- 10 whether any firm or group of firms collectively had
- 11 market power, as that term is used by economists?
- 14 A. No, I've never tried to do that.
- MR. ROSCH: Q. Have you ever tried to analyze
- 16 the barriers to entry into a market in the sense that
- 17 entry barriers are defined by economists?
- 19 A. No, I've never tried to do that.
- 20 MR. ROSCH: Q. Do you even know how economists
- 21 define entry barriers?
- A. No, I don't.

- 1 Q. Do you know how economists define market power?
- 2 A. No, I don't. I understand the concept but I
- 3 don't know how they define it.
- 7 Q. Just a couple, Mr. Phillips.
- 8 Now, in the document here it says, "Stepping
- 9 back a bit, the back office applications market for
- 10 global companies is dominated by an oligopoly comprised
- 11 of SAP, PeopleSoft and Oracle. The market is down to
- 12 three viable suppliers who will help reautomate the back
- 13 office business processes for global enterprises for
- 14 years to come. These are critical functions, and while
- 15 most companies had begun implementing these products, few
- 16 have completely rolled out a suite across all locations
- 17 in countries on the latest version of technology."
- Do you see that language?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. That was issued by Morgan Stanley under your
- 21 name; correct?
- A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. And under Morgan Stanley's practices, you
- 2 believe that to have been true and accurate as possible
- 3 when you issued it; correct?
- 4 A. I believed that it was accurate in the context
- 5 of how we used those words in the investment community
- 6 and how I was presenting it in the context of a short
- 7 quarterly earnings report and not an economic analysis.
- 8 Q. These reports such as Exhibit 895, you said were
- 9 issued on a quarterly basis by Morgan Stanley when you
- 10 were there?
- 11 A. Yeah, quarterly reports obviously are issued
- 12 quarterly for earnings reports which is a separate
- 13 category of reports. The ones I described are not widely
- 14 read, mostly written by associates because of that, and
- 15 are commoditized because they restate the quarter that
- 16 just came out so it's the least important of the reports
- 17 that were published.
- Q. But even with these reports, though, you're now
- 19 referring to them as being the least important, you would
- 20 try to make them accurate under the guidelines of Morgan
- 21 Stanley because you were providing them to investors that
- 22 did business with Morgan Stanley?

- 1 A. Yes. Try to make all reports accurate, but the
- 2 terms used in the investment community differ from the
- 3 way those terms may be used in other circles.